FORUM ON TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Meeting Objectives

The Idaho Transportation Board has established the Forum on Transportation Investment (FTI) to provide review and direction for Idaho's transportation future. The following schedule has been developed to encompass a dialogue that will ultimately lead to a series of recommendations and options for policy makers in the state. The meeting objectives for the Forum on Transportation Investment are as follows:

Meeting #1 - FTI Organization and Objectives

- 1. Elect a Forum Vice Chair. (Consensus was formed and Nampa Mayor Tom Dale accepted the position.)
- 2. Gain consensus around the broader goals and objectives of the FTI. (*Input from Forum members led to the changes in this document.*)
- 3. Begin FTI discussion process. (Accomplished.)

Meeting #2 - Current Financial Tools

- 1. Begin a discussion on the difference between "wants" and "needs."
- 2. Achieve FTI understanding of the array of current financial tools available for Idaho.
- 3. Achieve FTI understanding and status of the current tools for addressing Idaho's current and future transportation needs.

Meeting #3 - Current and Future Transportation Needs

- 1. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future highway needs of local, state, and federal entities.
- 2. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future highway needs of the state system.
- 3. Achieve FTI understanding of the current and future needs relating to transit.
- 4. Assess the validity of the planning and analysis that has resulted in the needs presented.
- 5. Achieve understanding of the difference between "wants" and "needs."

Meeting #4 - Future Finance Options

- 1. Achieve FTI understanding of the array of financial tools and revenue sources available for Idaho in addressing its future transportation needs.
- 2. Assess the need to advance and embrace new tools to supplement the current financial tools available.
- 3. Assess the adequacy of current financial tools to meet the needs identified and accepted in Meeting #3 as well as whether or not additional tools will be required.

Meeting #5 - Review of Idaho's Long Range Transportation Planning Efforts

1. Achieve understanding of the Idaho's long range planning, the underlying assumptions and the planning processes.

2. Assess the adequacy of current financial tools for achieving the objectives of Idaho's long range planning efforts and whether new financial tools and revenue sources will be necessary.

Meeting #6 - Draft Recommendations

- 1. Revisit the difference between "wants" and "needs."
- 2. Achieve consensus around the draft recommendations as to the transportation needs in Idaho.
- 3. Achieve consensus around the draft recommendations as to the financial tools and revenue sources necessary to address these needs.
- 4. Achieve consensus regarding possible promotion, endorsement, and other public advancements of the FTI's recommendations.

Meeting #7 - Final Recommendations

- 1. Achieve consensus around the final recommendations as to the transportation needs in Idaho.
- 2. Achieve consensus around the final recommendations as to the financial tools and revenue sources necessary to address these needs.
- 3. Achieve consensus regarding the promotion, endorsement, and other public advancements of the FTI's recommendations.